

2000 RACE, SEX AND AGE INFORMATION BASED ON NUMBER OF CHILDREN

The tables on pages 11-13 present the the number of children by race, sex, and age for calendar year 2000. White males, totaling 31,273 and representing 39% of the overall juvenile court population outnumbered their female counterparts, who totaled 18,926 and represented 21% of the juvenile court population. African American males, totaling 15,595 and representing 19% of the juvenile court population, outnumbered their female counterparts, who totaled 10,312 and represented 13% of the juvenile court population. These percentage data are consistent with those of 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, and 1999.

Regarding race, non-white (African American, Native American, Asian, and Mixed Race) children were reported as representing 37% of the juvenile court population, while constituting only 22% of the overall juvenile population of Tennessee. Conversely, white children, constituting 78% of the overall juvenile population, were reported as making up 63% of the juvenile court population. Those counties reporting the highest percentages of non-white children within their juvenile court population were as follows:

Davidson - 59% (non-white children represent 31.6% of the county's juvenile population) *

Fayette - 64% (non-white children represent 52.8% of the county's juvenile population) *

Haywood - 73% (non-white children represent 58.9% of the county's juvenile population) *

Madison - 59% (non-white children represent 40.5% of the county's juvenile population) *

Shelby - 77% (non-white children represent 55.3% of the county's juvenile population) *

When looking at age, the 2000 data indicated that the largest number of children continued to fall within the 15 through 16 years of age category (see chart on page 16). Prior to the 1994, 1995, and 1996 data, African American females historically were represented more in the Birth to 10 years of age category. In 1994, 1995, and 1996, African American females were most represented in the 15 through 16 age group. In 1997, 1998, 1999 and again in 2000, the largest category for African American females returned to the Birth to 10 years age category.

*Source: The 1990 U.S. Census Population and Housing, Summary Tape File 1, prepared by The Center for Business and Economic Research, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, 1991.